

LOYAL LEGION FORMED IN WOODS TO HEAD OFF WORK LABOR AGITATORS

(By Associated Press)

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 2.—What is expected of loggers and mill men in the Northwest by the production division of the government's aircraft board during 1918 is outlined in a statement and appeal by Col. Brice P. Disque, head of the spruce production work, now being sent out to members of the Loyal Legion of Loggers and Lumbermen. The organization now number 35,000 members in the Northwest.

Included in the statement is a warning to lumbermen not to pay heed to the nonsense and "malign whisperings" of spies and traitors who spread their propaganda in the spruce production belt.

"The headquarters of this division," says Colonel Disque, "looks to you to prevent all acts of sabotage and sedition on the part of employer, employee or others. This duty your government expects of you, to prevent aid or comfort to the enemy in any way."

"Germany is obtaining airplane material with forced labor in the invaded Russian forests on the Baltic, which do not belong to her. Thousands of helpless prisoners are driven to work at the point of the bayonet from early dawn until dark."

Loggers are urged to offset Germany's gains by increasing the output in the United States. Colonel Disque's announcement says:

"In extending to each of you the season's greetings and wishes, I shall point out some of the things your country expects of you during the next twelve months."

"Your government asks you to produce 11,000,000 feet of spruce during each month of 1918. Also it asks you to immediately make up the deficiency of the last few months when an average of only about 3,000,000 feet was obtained."

"For the operation of our country's air fleets, the war department has perfected its motors and is receiving them in quantities according to program. Its training schools are graduating expert pilots and mechanics in sufficient numbers. Factories are turning out the finished product as rapidly as material is obtained."

"Every detail of our government's aircraft plan has been executed according to program, save only the most essential, that of producing the timber that is needed. We must produce this stock not only for our own machines, but for our allies as well."

"This high duty falls upon you and me. And we need the moral and physical aid and encouragement of every person in the spruce section, for as General Squier has said, the Northwest is the neck of the bottle in this war."

"You are soldiers under the flag just as truly as the boys, knee-deep in the mud of France, are stopping the bullets of the enemy. A day's lay-off is two days' work for the kaiser."

"What a splendid service the Loyal Legion may perform, exemplifying the capacity and potency of free American labor over the manacled labor of the kaiser. Show this red despot the efficiency in the land of the free, where men know the meaning of 'ought' instead of 'must'."

"This division is sending troops to help you in this work. Their uniforms will serve as a constant reminder that your country regards your duty in the forest equally as urgent and important as that of the soldiers in the trenches. A dozen axes in the Northwest forests may

prove to be worth more than a regiment of rifles in France.

"At the front, soldiers would be shot as deserters if they laid down their rifles and ran away. But American soldiers are never guilty of such deeds, nor will I feel sure, any member of the Loyal Legion lay down his axe and aid the enemy by running away."

"It is part of your duty to aid your more credulous brother members in resisting the malign whisperings of enemies in your camps and mills. Pay no heed to the nonsense that you are signing away your constitutional rights by taking the legion's pledge of loyalty. Your pledge to the government leaves you as free a citizen as you were before signing, and the pledge is only a visible and tangible evidence of a loyalty which you gave prior to signing. You are upholding the constitution by aiding the republic, and what right, indeed, have those who skulk and desert in the forests to talk of constitutional rights of men like you who are battling for these things, while they are seeking to destroy them? It is your individual duty to

discover and combat such sinister propaganda.

"Upon employees, members of the legion, let me urge the importance of making as few changes as possible from camp to camp or mill to mill. Every transfer results in the loss of a day or more of work. Your pledge calls upon you to do everything possible to aid your country in this war."

"In certain instances in the Northwest there seems to be an almost complete lack of comprehension of the fact that this country is at war. The government wants no material thing of either employee or employer for which it will not pay liberally, but it demands unselfish loyalty and devotion. It is transacting commercial business in the spruce districts now because of the war and because of the war only, and this fact should be borne in mind at all times. "When the government's air program has been completed and history shall have been written, it will be realized how stupendous a place the axes and mills of the Pacific Northwest played in winning the war for democracy."

WEST HOLDS OPEN HOUSE FOR BOYS IN UNIFORM OF THE UNITED STATES

(By Associated Press)

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Jan. 2.—The latch string of the West is out to the enlisted men and all others in the fighting forces of the United States. The territory from the Canadian line to the Rockies and from the Pacific ocean to an undefined line a thousand or so miles inland, is one big "open house" for the entertainment of the uniformed forces. At the head of the welcoming hosts is the war camp community service.

The "open house" consists in the equipping of clubs and other recreation places, and the throwing open of countless private homes to the soldiers. The most elaborate of the clubs is located in Seattle, where a modern seven-story fire-proof building has been converted into a meeting house for soldiers and sailors. In Tacoma a four-story building has been secured for a like purpose. Here the men from Camp Lewis meet frequently.

The Seattle building has a swimming pool, billiard hall, gymnasium, dining room, reading room and three stories devoted to dormitories for the accommodation of 320 men. Other clubs are located in San Francisco, Menlo Park, Palo Alto, San Jose, Vallejo, Los Angeles and San Diego, Cal., and Salt Lake City, Utah.

Clubs are under construction in Portland, Ore., Astoria and Vancouver, Wash., and Benicia, Oakland and San Pedro, Cal. This will add six more clubs to the eighteen already established.

The clubs are but one feature of the war camp community service. The service has set out to supply recreation in place of the commercialized amusements which do not always add to the moral and physical fit-

ness of the fighting men. Toward this end it has recruited the homes of the West, where the men may attend dinner parties, dances, week-ends and other innocent amusements. These pleasures are supplemented by automobile rides, football, baseball and other games, entertainments in the camps and like events.

Each householder is asked to become a unit in the service.

The service does the work outside the camps that the Y. M. C. A. and the Knights of Columbus are doing within them. In this way the very best influences are guiding the recreation of the fighting men, and showing them at the same time that the country is grateful for their sacrifice.

NEW YEAR'S BOXING.

(By Associated Press)

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 2.—New Year's boxing bouts at Philadelphia sporting clubs did not result in any sensational upsets. At one club Frankie Calahan of Brooklyn and Eddie Wegand of Philadelphia fought a draw. Johnny Lynch of New York knocked out Andy Burns of Philadelphia in the third round, and Jess Tubor of Philadelphia had the better of his bout with Johnny Rosner of New York.

At another club Babe Picato of New Orleans outclassed Johnny Mahoney of Hazelton, Pa., and Leo Houck of Lancaster, Pa., had the better of the bout with Chuck Wiggins of Indianapolis.

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BANKER URGES ENERGETIC STEPS TO GAIN COMMERCIAL SUPREMACY

(By Associated Press)

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Jan. 2.—America probably will have a commercial lead at the close of the war but the nation's energies will require quickening if this lead is to be maintained, it was pointed out in a paper by John Clausen, vice-president of the Crocker National Bank of San Francisco, read here today before a conference of the committee of fifteen on educational preparation for foreign service appointed by P. P. Claxton, commissioner of education of the United States.

Trade combinations for the advancement of extra-territorial business, improved banking facilities, relations, practices and with the investment abroad of capital hitherto held at home, and training in commercial languages and business fundamentals were advocated by Mr. Clausen. He pointed out that with modern labor saving devices and tremendous outputs, high wages to employees, as compared with other countries, need not mean a disadvantage in the market.

"The automobile business affords a familiar illustration," the paper said. "The wages paid in automobile factories are very high, but owing to the scale upon which the automobile industry is organized, the costs of production have been lower here than abroad, with the result that our manufacturers have led the world in low-priced cars. Wages are higher in the United States than in most countries and probably will remain so, coupled with highly organized capital and equipped with the most modern appliances of production, the labor factor may be low, notwithstanding high wages."

Home markets, according to Mr. Clausen, will not keep busy the tremendously efficient manufacturing ability of the country; foreign markets must be sought, and "the only way we will be able to make the export sales hoped for will be by using our capital to finance the purchases." This procedure, Mr. Clausen pointed out, was followed by Great Britain in making herself pre-eminent in foreign trade, and in all countries, large bodies of investors are found who are used

to buying securities anywhere in the world.

"Manufacturers are beginning to realize that their most aggressive competitors are not their fellow countrymen engaged in international trade," Mr. Clausen continued in his paper, "but rather the powerful combinations of merchants in other countries. Co-operative combinations such as may be deemed expedient to develop our foreign relations in normal times are essential, and should in no sense be considered a contractual restraint of free trading."

He compared the Webb bill, legalizing joint foreign trading agencies of American exporters, which passed the house in June and is now before the senate, and urged the planting of jointly owned banks abroad, under the federal reserve system, comparing British overseas banks capitalized at more than \$500,000,000 with some \$5,000,000 or \$6,000,000 so invested by North American interests. Modernized credit facilities, including a wider use of trade acceptances as against open book accounts were advocated.

SILVER IMPORTS INCREASE IN NOV. AND EXPORTS DECREASE

(By Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—Exports during November amounted to \$488,000,000, a decrease of \$55,000,000 from October, 1917, and of \$28,000,000 from November of last year, according to a statement just issued by the bureau of foreign and domestic commerce, department of commerce. For the eleven months ending with November exports were valued at \$5,639,000,000, against \$4,959,000,000 a year ago.

Imports during November were valued at \$221,000,000, about the same as in October of this year, but \$44,000,000 more than in November a year ago. The imports during the eleven months of this year were valued at \$2,735,000,000, a considerable increase over the imports for the eleven months' period of 1916, which were valued at \$2,187,000,000.

The excess of exports over imports amounted to \$268,000,000 in November, 1917, against \$339,000,000 a year ago. The excess of exports during the eleven months ended with November amounted to \$2,914,000,000 in 1917, against \$2,773,000,000 in 1916, an increase of \$141,000,000 in the current year.

Gold imports during the month amounted to only \$3,000,000, against \$47,000,000 a year ago, and gold exports amounted to \$7,000,000 in November, 1917, and \$26,000,000 in 1916. During the eleven months ended with November gold imports amounted to \$535,000,000 and exports to \$367,000,000, leaving an excess of

10,000 SOLDIERS AT DEMING ENTERTAINED

(By Associated Press)

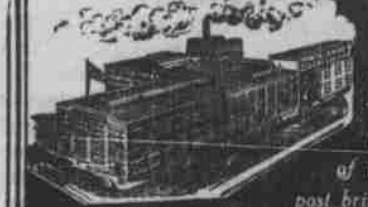
DEMING, N. M., Jan. 2.—Ten thousand soldiers at Camp Cody were guests yesterday at a New Year's barbeque of the Deming war service board. The barbeque was held at a local amusement park and the soldiers were seated at tables stretched for a distance of one and one-fourth miles, the former national guardsmen from Iowa, Nebraska, South Dakota and Minnesota being grouped according to states.

The soldiers were given an entertainment at night. New Year's eve passed off quietly at the camp and here. There was not a single arrest.

Maj. Gen. A. P. Blockson, commander of the Thirty-Fourth division, held a reception yesterday at division headquarters for 1,000 officers stationed here. The divisional band furnished music.

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